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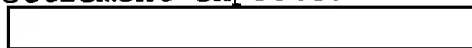
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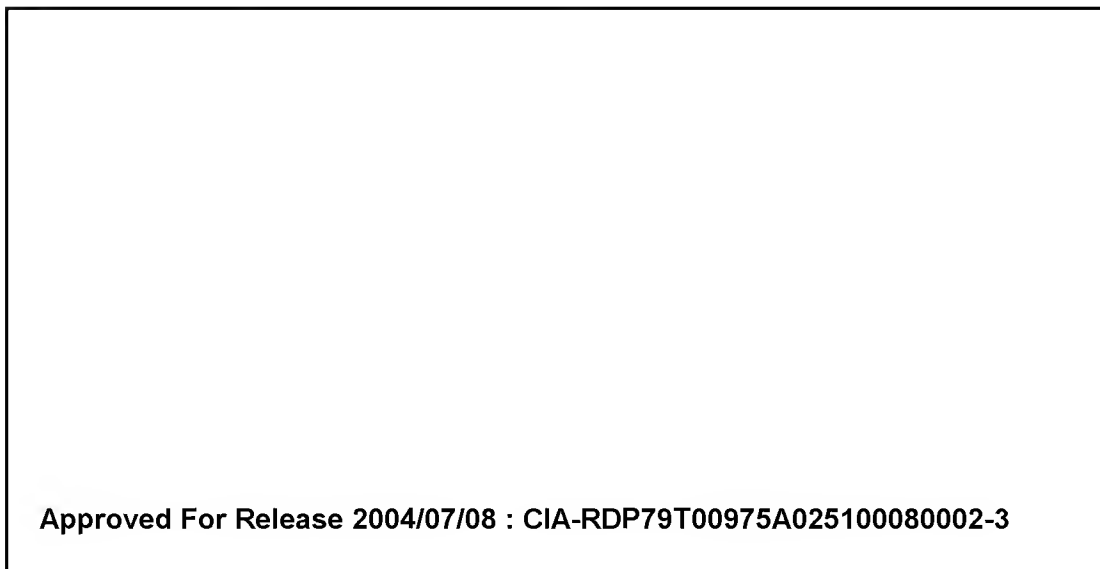


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UN: Little movement toward settlement expected from
Waldheim's Middle East trip.



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*UN: SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK IS UNLIKELY TO STIMULATE ANY REAL MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. WALDHEIM HAS STATED PUBLICLY THAT HIS IMMEDIATE PURPOSE IS NOT TO FIND SOLUTIONS BUT TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS, ASSESS THE SITUATION AND "CONTRIBUTE MODESTLY" TO PEACE EFFORTS.

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WALDHEIM HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED OPTIMISM AND HAS SAID HE WOULD TAKE AN ACTIVIST APPROACH. HE TOLD THE BRITISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT HE CONSIDERED THE TIME RIPE FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT, OBSERVING THAT ALTHOUGH HIS TRIP HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN AT EGYPT'S SUGGESTION, THE ISRAELIS HAD ALSO NOW TOLD HIM THAT THEY WANTED PROGRESS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, WALDHEIM INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT SUGGEST TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL THAT THEY BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH EACH OTHER USING THE "RHODES FORMULA"--A PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO CIRCUMVENT THE PERENNIAL IMPASSE OVER WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECT OR INDIRECT.

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US SOUNDINGS OF ARAB DELEGATES AT THE UN, HOWEVER, HAVE UNCOVERED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AS LONG AS ISRAEL MAINTAINS ITS PRESENT POSITION ON BORDERS OR FOR A REVIVAL OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IDEA THAT WALDHEIM HAS ADVOCATED IN THE PAST. THE ARABS SAW LITTLE HOPE FOR A BREAKTHROUGH OF ANY KIND AS A RESULT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S VISIT.

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